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SUBJECT: TRANSWORLD GAS SYSTEMS, WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA REQUESTS
GUIDANCE IN OFFERING SERVICES TO GOVT OF OMAN

1. TRANSWORLD GAS SYSTEMS (TGS), 15111 E. WHITTIER BOULEVARD, WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA 90603 IS AN ORGANIZATION OF LESS THAN 10 PEOPLE FOUNDED IN 1971 TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES TO PRODUCERS AND GOVERNMENTS FOR FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND PROGRAMS TO DEVELOP ENERGY SOURCES, ESPECIALLY NATURAL GAS. TGS IS ALSO INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING AS AN INVESTOR IN PROJECTS WHERE FEASIBLE, AND IS SEEKING ASSISTANCE FROM COMMERCE'S FOREIGN INVESTMENT SERVICES STAFF.

2. TGS IS A SUBSIDIARY OF PARGAS, INC. OF WALDORF, MD. A LEADING CREDIT SERVICE REPORTS THAT PARGAS HAS \$90 MILLION IN ANNUAL SALES AND 2200 EMPLOYEES. WE HAVE ORDERED AN ADDITIONAL REPORT ON THE BONA FIDES OF TGS'S PERSONNEL AND WILL ADVISE
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THE EMBASSY WHEN THAT INFORMATION IS RECEIVED.

3. TGS REPORTS THAT THE SULTAN OF OMAN SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH TESORO PETROLEUM TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF A GAS LIQUIDS PLANT AND A SIMILAR AGREEMENT WITH GAZOCEAN TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF A FERTILIZER PLANT.

4. TGS RECENTLY DID COMPARABLE STUDIES FOR ANOTHER ARABIAN GULF COUNTRY AND WISHES TO OFFER ITS SERVICES TO OMAN TO EVALUATE THE RESULTS OF THE TESORO AND GAZOCEAN STUDIES AND/OR SUGGEST OTHER ENERGY DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES.

5. EMBASSY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS REGARDING TGS'S PLANS AND PROPOSAL WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

6. IF THE EMBASSY DOES FEEL THERE IS ANY OPPORTUNITY FOR TGS, PLEASE SEND THE NAME OF ANY INDIVIDUALS THEY MIGHT WRITE OR VISIT. DECON FOL 3/3/76. KISSINGER

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